

## SEES AFTER 17 YEARS

McLouth Boy Went Blind at Age of 3; Recovers Sight.

McLouth, Kan., Dec. 30.—Outside the brilliant winter sun glared down on a carpet of clean snow. The giddy light was hard on good eyes. Inside in a squalid living room Walter Hawkins sat silently. His new-found sight was shielded from the glare by a handkerchief.

Walter, who is 21 years old, is the oldest boy of a family of nine children. Blind since his third year, Walter has recovered his vision within the month by an operation by a Kansas City specialist. He was home for Christmas on a leave of absence from the hospital. He is seeing the world as it is for the first time within his memory.

## LIVED HIGH ON NOTHING.

J. H. Smith Made Deal for \$35,000 Farm: Taken Back to Kingman.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 30.—Tragedy and burlesque, the pathetic and the ridiculous were closely interwoven in the case of J. H. Smith, 65 years old, who was returned to Kingman last week to answer to a charge of beating a board bill after he had walked the 11 miles from Kingman to Wichita seeking work.

Mr. Smith appeared in Kingman a week before from Anthony and previously from points in Oklahoma. Being out of ready cash and possessed of a desire to see the surrounding country, he induced F. E. Doyle and H. H. Williams, Kingman real estate dealers, to take him about with a view to purchasing an extensive tract of land. In the meantime he was earning snugly at the Sorber hotel in Kingman, putting up an impressive "front" in lieu of cash. A deal for the purchase of \$35,000 worth of real estate, said to be the farm owned by Robert Smith, adjoining Kingman on the northeast, was about concluded when the capitalist and prospective land buyer disappeared. A hurried inquiry was made on the theory that he had been murdered for his money. But it developed that he was walking in the direction of Wichita. Sheriff Jim Eolin of Kingman asked the police here to arrest him and he was taken into custody.

## FOUND DYING IN STAIRWAY.

Old Resident of Junction City Dies in Police Court Room.

Junction City, Kan., Dec. 30.—James O'Brien, an old resident here, died in the police court at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning, after he had been found in a semiconscious condition in an uptown stairway a short time before.

Harry Liehtoff, on his way home from the Hammond laundry fire, heard a man groaning in the stairway of the Pennell building at Eighth and Washington, and found Mr. O'Brien sitting on the stairs, unable to move. He asked that a doctor be called and that he be moved to the hospital. The police were summoned and Mr. O'Brien was taken to the police station, where a call for a doctor was sent out. Mr. O'Brien was able to walk, but could not talk, and passed away a few minutes later.

## BAD FIRE AT BELOIT.

Mill Street Garage Completely Destroyed: Started Repair Shop.

Beloit, Kan., Dec. 30.—The Mill Street garage, formerly the old Williams opera house, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The fire caught in the flue over the stove in the repair shop. The absence of any wind made it possible to save surrounding property.

The fire was burning briskly between the metal roof and the metal ceiling of the structure when it was first discovered. Frozen hydrants made it impossible to get water upon the fire for at least ten minutes after it was discovered and in the meantime the flames spread rapidly through the roof structure. The water pressure was insufficient all through the fire and at no time were the firemen able to throw a stream on the roof of the building.

## GET JUDGMENT OF \$12,500.

Court at Ellis Awards Damages to Nevada Northern Breakman.

Ellis, Kan., Dec. 30.—The jury in the case of Clyde W. Houston against the Nevada Northern railway brought in a verdict awarding the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$12,500. The case was commenced on December 7 and occupied the attention of the federal court steadily until its conclusion.

The action for damages on the part of Clyde Houston, who was a brakeman on the road, was for injuries he received during a head-on collision when he was thrown from the train and received injuries from which it is alleged he has never fully recovered.

## PRISON REVOLT CONTINUES.

Convicts at Kansas Penitentiary Still Trying to Start Something.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 30.—It looks as if the convicts in the Kansas state prison have joined the "I. W. O. K." organization. The trouble that began in the mine Monday continued Tuesday. Many of the prisoners flatly refused to work and there were mutterings of discontent among the others. The four men who were the ostensible leaders of the strike Monday were locked in solitary cells yesterday. Their complaint against the food is regarded as mostly an excuse to "start something" and it looks for a time as though serious trouble would begin any moment.

## CLERK INJURED: WIFE SICK.

Postal Employee Has Blood Poison: Wife Has Tuberculosis.

Hutchinson, Kan., Dec. 30.—Postal Clerk Settle of the Rock Island, who was shot by a drunken clerk on his run while near Liberal, some months ago, is reported to be in a critical condition.

The shot splintered the bone of his right leg. He is in a hospital at Kansas City. Blood poison set in and now the report comes that his chance for recovery is small. His wife is also in a serious condition with tuberculosis in a sanitarium in Colorado.

The Rock Island mail clerks made up a purse and sent it to the couple as a Christmas gift.

## CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Courtland Couple Were Married in Chicago Fifty Years Ago.

Courtland, Kan., Dec. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. August Forstrom celebrated their golden wedding anniversary here this week. More than one hundred guests attended the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Forstrom were both born in Sweden and were married in Chicago. A few years after their marriage they came to Kansas and homesteaded the farm on which they now live. Mr. Forstrom spent his early life as a sailor on the great lakes and on the ocean, having made one trip around the world.

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## Bargains! Crowds!! Success!!!—never the like before

Coats  $1\frac{1}{2}$  price

And how they sold yesterday and today! Coats at  $\frac{1}{2}$  price just as we are having our first real Winter weather is certainly a most timely bargain—and women were mighty quick to take advantage of it, too. While every coat is not on sale at  $\frac{1}{2}$  price, yet all are reduced—every one  $\frac{1}{4}$  or more. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  price sale of coats includes all small lots, all broken lines, the one-of-a-style, etc.

\$10.00 coats	\$5.00	\$25.00 coats	\$12.50
12.50 coats	6.25	27.50 coats	13.75
15.00 coats	7.50	30.00 coats	15.00
17.50 coats	8.75	32.50 coats	16.25
20.00 coats	10.00	35.00 coats	17.50
22.50 coats	11.25	40.00 coats	20.00

Taking the lot as a whole, there are belted, semi-belted, loose and sport models, and as for materials, trimmings and colors, there are most everything that could possibly be desired.

Cloths	Colors	Trimmings
Mixtures	Tans	Fur
Zibelines	Blues	Plush
Matelamb	Greens	Braid
Corduroys	Blacks	Velvet
Broadcloths	Browns	Buttons

And remember that all of our fine velvet and plush coats are reduced from 1-4 to 1-3. These are all this season's coats—we did not carry over a single one from last season and we are not going to carry over a one to next season, either.

## The Mills Stores Company

—TOPEKA'S BEST STORE—

—F. M. PELLETIER, PRES.—

## All dresses reduced

In as much as you must actually see them in order to fully appreciate what rare bargains they really are, we are not going to quote any individual prices.

—some are  $\frac{1}{2}$ -price

There are street, afternoon and evening dresses and dancing frocks. Of taffetas, messalines, velvets, serges, chiffons, etc.; in all colors and shades and in all sizes up to 44.

—some are  $\frac{1}{3}$  off

The styles are all new. There are plain tailored dresses, Russian blouse effects and high and low neck models; trimmed with fur, braid and buttons.

—some are  $\frac{1}{4}$  off

This last group is the largest of all and embraces every dress in our entire stock that is not included in one of the other lots. Please remember that every dress is reduced— $\frac{1}{4}$ , or more.



## All girls' apparel reduced

On some of the lower priced dresses and coats the reductions amount to only a dollar or two, while on others the reductions are from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the regular prices.

## Dresses—coats sweaters

No matter what you want in the way of girls' apparel, come to the "Big Store" tomorrow—and save. You can't pay the regular price for a single item—everything is reduced.

(Girls' apparel—3rd floor.)

All furs— $\frac{1}{3}$  off

Right at the very threshold of winter, and just as we are having our first real fur weather, comes this sweeping,  $\frac{1}{3}$  off clearance sale of the largest and most carefully selected stock of furs in Kansas.

Mink  
Mole  
Lynx  
Wolf  
Fitch  
Coney  
Sable  
Beaver  
Marten  
Ermine  
Red Fox

\$12.50 sets	\$8.37	\$100.00 sets	\$66.67	\$35 coats	\$23.33
15.00 sets	10.00	150.00 sets	100.00	50 coats	33.33
25.00 sets	16.67	200.00 sets	133.33	100 coats	66.67
50.00 sets	33.33	300.00 sets	200.00	200 coats	133.33
75.00 sets	50.00	500.00 sets	333.33	300 coats	200.00

Please bear in mind that not a single set or coat is reserved—you can take your unrestricted choice of the entire stock. We will break any set (except children's) and sell the scarf or muff separately.

Suits  $1\frac{1}{2}$  price

Never has there been a sale like this—never such a great stock to select from and never at  $\frac{1}{2}$  price so early in the season. And the buying!—trust the average woman to appreciate such bargains as these. All of these suits are either late Winter or advance Spring styles. Yes, the suits that have come in since Thanksgiving are included just the same as the others.

\$10.00 suits	\$5.00	\$30.00 suits	\$15.00
12.50 suits	6.25	35.00 suits	17.50
15.00 suits	7.50	40.00 suits	20.00
18.75 suits	9.38	45.00 suits	22.50
19.75 suits	9.88	50.00 suits	25.00
25.00 suits	12.50	65.00 suits	32.50

This sale is indicative of how the "Big Store" has been doing big things for the last few months and of how it is going to keep on doing big things in the months to come.

Materials	Colors	Trimmings
Serges	Blues	Fur
Poplins	Greys	Plain
Coverts	Blacks	Braid
Whipcords	Greens	Leather
Broadcloths	Browns	Buttons

The Original price tickets are on all suits—nothing has been changed at all—and in making out the check the saleswoman will simply deduct half from the plainly-marked, original, regular selling price.

## --the basement offers some most remarkable bargains

## COATS--3 lots



Lot No. 1 includes coats worth up to \$6.75

\$3.38

Lot No. 2 includes coats worth up to \$8.98

\$4.95

Lot No. 3 includes coats worth up to \$11.95

\$5.98

(Bargain Basement.)



## Infants' and girls' shoes at special prices

Infants' patent shoes with cloth or dull kid tops, turned soles and plain, broad toes; sizes 2 to 5—regular \$1.00 values for... 79c  
 Infants' shoes of patent with white kid tops, turned soles and plain, broad toes; sizes 2 to 5—regular \$1.25 values for... 89c  
 Children's patent shoes with cloth or dull kid tops, turned soles and plain broad toes; sizes 5½ to 8, regular \$1.35 values... 98c  
 Children's shoes of patent with white kid tops, turned soles and plain, broad toes; sizes 5½ to 8—regular \$1.75 values \$1.19 (Basement shoe section.)



## Girls' coats

worth up to \$3.98  
 Of bearskin, novelty boucles, and fancy cloakings in white, colors and neat mixtures; sizes 3 to 12 years—coats that have been priced up to \$3.98, on special sale Friday

\$1.98

(BASEMENT)



## Blankets—all kinds at very special prices

\$1.00 cotton blankets; the 50x72-in. size for use as fleeced sheets—per pair... 79c  
 \$1.25 cotton blankets; the full size with a soft, warm fleece; tan or grey... 98c  
 \$1.50 white cotton blankets; the full double bed size, long and wide, pr... \$1.19  
 \$2.50 robe blankets; for use as spreads or couch covers or lounging robes... \$1.79  
 \$5.00 wool blankets; the full size with lots of warmth and service—pair... \$3.39  
 \$6.50 wool blankets; the full size, heavy weight, wool in plaid patterns... \$4.98 (Basement bedding section.)

## SUITS--3 lots

Lot No. 1 includes suits worth up to \$10.00

\$3.98

Lot No. 2 includes suits worth up to \$15.00

\$6.75

Lot No. 3 includes suits worth up to \$25.00

\$9.50

(Bargain Basement)



## Commencing Monday JANUARY WHITE SALES Commencing Monday

If you are down town Saturday or Sunday be sure to see the windows—full details in Sunday's paper